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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Border and Ruoslahti
Serial No.: 08/349,479
Filed: December 2, 1994
For: INHIBITING TRANSFORMING
GROWTH FACTOR β TO
PREVENT ACCUMULATION OF
EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.196(b) (1)

Sir:

Responsive to the Board of Patent Appeals and
Interferences' Decision on Appeal No.: 2002-2285, mailed
December 19, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the
amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 22, 23 and 25.

Please amend claim 21 to read as follows:

21. A method of decreasing the deleterious accumulation of
extracellular matrix associated with a pathology or a condition
wherein TGF- β -induced production and deleterious accumulation of
extracellular matrix in a tissue exists comprising:

contacting the tissue with an anti-TGF- β antibody that
binds to TGF- β ;